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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Floods are in order.
J. N. Hodsdon started his birch mill last Saturday.

Chas. Adams and wife of Norway, were in town, Sunday.
C. M. Wormell made a flying trip to Portland last Saturday.

First class cooking and a good variety to be had at Poplar Tavern.

J. M. Philbrook shipped a carload of cattle to Brighton, Monday.

R. E. L. Farwell took one of his semi-occasional trips to Portland last Saturday.

Albert Copeland and party left Boston, Wednesday night via Montreal for Seattle, Washington.

The greater includes the less. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, and may be depended upon to cure boils and pimples.

Another Bethel man promoted. Arthur Merrill passed through as conductor on the G. T. for the first time this week.

We learn that the caucus to determine the postmaster-ship of Bethel, will not be held until the roads get settled into better shape.

A flock of 30 wild geese was seen Monday morning. They were undecided which way to go, but finally started towards Newry Corner.

Fruit trees, shrubs, small trees, etc., are suffering severely from the weight of the deep snow; many of them are stripped bare of their limbs.

An unusual number of freight trains are being run over the Grand Trunk road since the New Year. If business keeps on improving, a double track between Portland and Montreal will be a necessity.

The Ladies' Club met with Miss True, Thursday afternoon, and a lively interest was taken in the question, "Resolved, That if women should be granted the right of suffrage it would increase domestic dissension."

It is expected that the spring term of Gould's Academy will be the largest in point of attendance for many years. There will be several new scholars from Oxford which voices the sentiment of the people toward Mr. Hanscom in his former field of labor.

The Columbian Club will meet with Mrs. Herrick on Saturday afternoon. The work of the 25th and 26th afternoons will be combined. Members will therefore be prepared on Dionysius, Philip of Macedonia, Demosthenes, Alexander the Great, Epicurus and Aristotle.

The Literary Society was very pleasantly entertained by Miss Fox last Thursday evening, the occasion being the monthly social, given by the society in honor of the gentlemen. The music, the recitation by Miss Helen Bisbee, the readings by the Misses Douglass and the vocal solo by Mrs. Arno added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Mr. E. C. Rowe is taking time by the forelock and is doing his spring cleaning. He has moved all the goods on the first floor of his store to the upper story and basement and is thoroughly cleaning and painting the whole interior.

Mr. Rowe keeps one of the neatest and best appointed stores in the county and we expect it will fairly shine when the present polishing up is finished.

Mrs. Emma Robertson Foster died in New Jersey, and the body was brought here for burial. Her husband died several years ago and is buried here. Mrs. Foster was the daughter of our former townsman, Mr. George Robertson, who has the sympathy of his friends in the death of his daughter; two sisters and two brothers are the only survivors of a once large family of children.

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A. E. Herrick was at Bryant Pond, Friday.

Miss Emma Jones is spending a few days in Boston.

Rev. F. E. Barton and wife were in Lewiston, Saturday.

D. S. Hastings is spending a few days at his old home in Fryeburg.

Dr. Hill has rented the Godwin house and will move into the same this week.

C. S. Russell has the agency for F. O. Pierce's & Co's paints and varnishes.

Miss Angie Chapman is visiting her sister, Miss Ellen Chapman in Brunswick.

C. S. Russell is painting a sign for F. H. Searle who is to start in business at Newry corner.

The Baptist ladies' sewing circle will meet with Mrs. Joseph Holt, Thursday forenoon, March 24th.

Calvin Bisbee is painting, papering and otherwise improving the appearance of the inside of his store.

H. C. Rowe went to Boston yesterday on business. He will combine business and pleasure and attend the N. E. sportsmen's exhibition.

The new roof on Gould's Academy is nearly completed and the work of repair goes merrily on. The weather has been favorable for the out door work.

Rev. Mr. Barton will preach next Sunday on the life and work of Frances E. Willard. This day being the birthday of the late Gen. Neal Dow will be generally observed throughout Maine.

The Rebekahs are soon to give the drama, "The Fruit of the Loly." This drama is being prepared with much care and will doubtless be a grand success. The date and cast of characters will be given later.

The young people and many of the older ones as well, have been enjoying some delightful crust walks and slides the past few mornings. All fences are out of sight and the coasters can roam over the fields at will.

George Farnsworth is at home from his school in Boston, and will remain until about the first of April. Too close application to his studies makes him appear a bit shadowy, but crust walks and drives in Bethel's pure air will bring the color back to his face.

George French has a good collection of deep snow views taken by himself during the past few weeks. Perhaps when the thermometer is up by the 100 mark in July, a shiver or two may be realized from a steady gaze at these views.

Dr. Gehring has a letter from Cleveland friends who say they are picking pansies out of the garden and are reporting tulips and snow drops as peeping up out of the ground. A good six weeks still before that can be said of Bethel gardens.

Letters to Bethel People.

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For uncounted years I have reigned supreme
Mid the trees of the forest wide;
Alone I've waved my colors green
With no care for the wind or tide.

With proud disdain my limbs I've tossed
In the soothing summer breeze;
No trouble to me was the winter's frost
Nor old boreas' rush 'mongst the trees.

But alas! the ax of the woodman bold
Has laid bare my brave old heart
To the jeers and scoffs of the world so cold,
Who ne'er in my life had part.

Ah! never again 'neath my pleasant shade
Will the children romp with glee,
Nor the feathered songsters of every glade
Fill my branches with melody.

The bright-eyed squirrels will never more
Chase each other, so glad and wild,
Around my trunk as they did of yore
When the autumn days were mild.

My colors will trail in the dust so gray
While their emerald green grows brown,
The foe has beaten me in the fray
The king of "Pine Woods" is down.

My proud old head ye have brought to earth,
My heart ye have broken in twain,
My body ye'll bear from the place of its birth,
As a king, shall I never more reign?

Hark ye! afar from these hillsides fair
Have gone many a youth and maid,
Whose thoughts oft turn to the days so rare
When they roamed 'neath pine woods shade.

And better women and men are they
For the days spent with me and mine,
And the lessons learned in the school-house gray
'Neath the shade of the murmuring pine.

And weird fancies will come to them
Of the pine tree's mournful toll—
Though you banish me from my long time realm
Yet my kingdom's a kingdom still.

My scepter? the tassel and cone of green,
With ribbons so delfly bound,
In the halls of the rich and the great is seen,
On the cottagers' walls it is found.

My subjects? ye'll find them in every land,
In valley, on mountain, and plain;
With hearts ever true to one emblem grand—
The pine trees of dear old Maine!

W. Bethel, Feb. '98.

The Piney Hollow Camp-meeting.

BY SOPHIE SWETT.

"The minister and Rosey Bement, if you ever did."

The Widow Peasley sank down, as if exhausted by her emotions, on the steps of the back porch, where her neighbor, Mrs. Deacon Jackson, was sitting in the heat of the summer afternoon. "It is terrible hot, and I was just thinking about takin' a nap, but when I see 'em ridin' by I couldn't resist just runnin' across to tell you the news."

After all the caps that has been set for Brother Lovejoy, you wouldn't 'a' thought of his goin' over to the East End after a wife—and gettin' one of them Bement's?

"You don't mean it, Miss Peasley," Mrs. Deacon Jackson stopped in the midst of the marriages and deaths in her newspaper to listen, "I didn't know she was even a professor!"

"She ain't," and the whole church is worked up about it. For my part, I've always said that even a minister had a right to suit himself when it came to marryin', for it's him and not other folks that's got to take the heat of the risk; but for a minister of the gospel, forty years old and more, to marry a chit of a girl like Rosey Bement, with such relations as old Bement and them boys, is flyin' in the face of Providence, and you can't call it anything else! Old Bement ain't been inside of a church for years, if he ever was, and what possessed him to go to that camp-meetin', but there! mebbe 'twas a drawin', the Lord's ways ain't ourn, and he actually went forward to the mourners' bench, and Brother Lovejoy made the movin'est prayer over him you ever heard. There's a good many that thinks it wasn't genuine, and expect to hear that he's fell from grace very soon; if ain't for us to judge him,—but, of course, it is a great thing for Rosey to marry the minister."

"That's where the match was made—at that camp-meetin'." You ain't heard about the doin's there? Well, there! I was thinkin' that bein' you'd been sick, and livin' off the road so, and goin' to the other meetin', it was just possible that you had heard about it, but I went from there to Carmel, and stayed a week, and I thought for certain it must be all over town before I got home! Well, I think it's beautiful to worship the Lord in temples of his own raisin', as the minister says, and camp-meetin's is real refreshin' seasons, but do what

you will, you can't keep the moon-light nights and the associatin' together out of 'em, and young folks is young folks, and always will be, I s'pose! And I never yet saw a camp-meetin' that was so pervaded by the spirit of the Lord that there wasn't no courtin'!

"I said as much to Brother Lovejoy, when he was askin' me if I was goin' to the camp-meetin, and that was the first time I ever had reason to think that he was a little loose in his ideas, and might come to something like what he has come to. For what do you think he said, Miss Jackson? He said he didn't know as he should want it to be any different! He thought it would be likely to be a good kind of courtin' that was done at a camp-meetin'!"

I had thought before that Brother Lovejoy wasn't exactly spiritual, but I didn't think he was so light-minded and worldly.

"It's a beautiful place for a camp-meetin', the Piney Hollow Grove; the great pine trees make such a solemn kind of a darkness, and, as Mailla Morse said, in a poem she made that Brother Lobdell said had ought to be printed, the rustlin' they made sounded just like angels' wings;—now if it was Matilda that Brother Lovejoy was goin' to marry! Her mother says she's so godly given that she can't bear the thoughts of marryin' anybody but a minister, and she's been waitin' for one these twenty years, and when Brother Lovejoy came it did seem a kind of a Providence, he bein' unmarried, and a suitable age and all, and Matilda's poem on the occasion of his settlement bein' enough to draw tears from a stone, as everybody said, and speakin' about his lonely state, and all."

"But Rosey Bement! There is them that calls her handsome, but she looks just like a gypsy to me, and if she was handsome, a minister had ought to realize that 'favor is deceitful and beauty vain.' And then there's Jim Orrick that has been keepin' company with Rosey for two or three years, and was expectin' to marry her. I don't see how the minister can reconcile it, with his conscience to get her away from Jim. They say Jim is terrible out up about it. He's been a wild feller, of course, but no more than them Bement boys, and if you'll believe it, he went forward for prayers at that camp-meetin'! Some folks says he only did it to get on the right side of Rosey again, after tryin' to play that trick on the minister, but I heard Jim say, myself, that he didn't have anything at all to do with that trick. O, you ain't heard about that, have you? That's what I was beginnin' to tell you. You see all that rough East End set was at camp-meetin', the Bement boys and the Proutys, and Jack Lenfester, and Jim Orrick, and all of them. Whatever possessed 'em to go is more'n I can tell; I s'pose they thought they could get a chance to do some mischief and disturb the meetin's. Of course, I ain't sayin' but what it was the Lord's doin's bringin' 'em there,—but I must say it seems kind of queer to think of his havin' anything to do with the East End! Folks do say that Rosey had been goin' to meetin' and to Sunday-school considerable, and the minister had begun to take notice of her, and she coaxed 'em all to go, but it's more likely that they went without couxin' just because she was goin'; she must have known that they'd try to raise a disturbance."

"The first week passed off beautiful and peaceful; there was some whisperin' and giffin' and a good many, specially among the East Enders, went off fishin' instead of attendin' the services—and courtin'! Well, if that was what Brother Lovejoy liked to see, he must have been gratified! But there wasn't any attempt to disturb the meetin's, such as folks that knew that East End set, expected."

"But sinners didn't seem to come forward as much as was expected, neither. There was the presidin' elder exhortin' 'em, and three ministers from the West Conference, and a converted Injin, and three Jubilee singers that sung the movin'est hymns I ever heard, and yet there was a coldness and a hardness. Now and then there'd be some go forward, but they were terrible scatterin', and there didn't seem to be no enthusiasm. Brother Lovejoy seemed to be well enough satisfied; you know he seems to like things kind of calm and quiet, and is always preachin' about the Lord's speakin' in a still, small voice, and that's set a good many against him, that likes to see things a little more stirrin'. There's old Uncle Simeon Randall, that's been a class-leader for forty years, he says he knows from experience that if a man has got religion in

his heart he'll want to hollar. And he's been one of them that's never had any faith in Brother Lovejoy. I s'pose Uncle Simeon is kind o' tickled that he's turned out so, it ain't in human nature not to be."

"After a while, the East End fellers got tired of rovin' about, and goin' fishin' and gunnin',—as folks thought, but it's more likely that they planned mischief from the first,—and began to come to the meetin's pretty reg'larly. And folks noticed that some of 'em were sure to sit just as near to the preacher's stand as they could get. Rosey Bement never sat with 'em, nor any of the East End girls; you couldn't say but what them East End girls looked as well and was as pretty-spoken as anybody. Jim Orrick, he sat with Rosey sometimes, and sometimes with the young men. To think of the girl actin' as if she was keepin' company with Jim then, and all the time she was settin' her cap at the minister!"

"Well, as I was sayin', them East End fellers stuck terrible close to the preacher's stand, but they didn't offer to make the least trouble, and they were so attentive and looked so serious that a good many thought they were under conviction, and Miss Randall whispered to me that it would be kind of queer if the work of grace should begin with the East End folks."

"Well, one night—it was kind of a solemn night to begin with—the pleasant weather seemed to have broken up, and the sky was covered with black clouds, and the wind was a-groanin' in the trees, and the lamps was kind o' flarin', and the colored folks had been singin' an awful wild and lonesome hymn. When they stopped, Brother Lovejoy called for them that felt their sins to come forward and be prayed for. I thought some would go; there'd been a movin' discourse and some powerful prayin', and there did seem to be a solemnity. But nobody went forward, and Brother Lovejoy he began to pray, in his mild kind of a way, and then all of a sudden, Rosey Bement jumps up with a kind of a scream, and rushes towards the stand! Everybody thought she was goin' to the mourners' bench and Uncle Simeon Randall shouts out 'Praise the Lord!' and a good many said, 'Amen!' But Rosey went right by the mourners' bench as if she hadn't any thoughts of stoppin', and squeezed herself on to the bench where the East End boys were sittin', right between her brother George and the preacher's stand. Some of the boys turned red in the face, and one or two snickered a little, and Gard Bement he got up and slunk out. Rosey she kind of turned sideways and leaned her head against the preacher's stand, and the minister he went on prayin'. Rosey sat still as if she was a stone image, and there wasn't anybody there, unless it was them wicked boys, that knew she was doin' anything more'n prayin'."

"Two or three had got up, just as she did, and followed her, thinkin', of course, that she was goin' forward to be prayed for, and then stopped at the mourners' bench. There was a shoutin' of 'Glory to God!' all around, and more followed to the mourners' bench till it was full and runnin' over. And such a prayer as the minister made I never did hear. Nobody could say there was any milk-and-water about him, then! And it was a real refreshin' season, though there was a good many, of course, that had their minds kind o' taken up with wonderin' about Rosey Bement. Most of 'em thought she had started to go to the mourners' bench, and her courage had given out when she got there; and the minister prayed real earnest for grace and courage for the weak and timid, and everybody knew he meant Rosey."

"Jim Orrick, he was amongst them that went forward, but Rosey never moved nor stirred."

"After he'd got through prayin' the minister walked over to the end of the platform where Rosey was sittin', as if he was goin' to speak to her, and all of a sudden there came a crash that made everybody jump, and a part of the platform that had been right under the minister's feet when he was prayin', came down! And the first thing that anybody knew, there was Rosey faintin' dead away in the minister's arms, with her right hand and arm crushed almost to pieces, where she'd been holdin' up a trap door that them wicked boys had fixed to fall when the minister stepped on it!"

"It seems little Job Lenfester had got wind of it, and whispered it to Rosey, and that was what made her start up and rush for the platform when folks thought she was feelin' for her sins."

"Folks asked her why she didn't speak right out and tell of it, instead of tryin' to hold it up, and she said she didn't have time to think, and she didn't want to make a fuss anyway. Some thought she wanted to shield her brothers and Jim Orrick,—though it turned out that Jim hadn't had anything to do with it,—but more thought what she'd done was all on the minister's account. He was about as pale as she was, as he stood there a-supportin' her,—and I wish you could have seen Jim Orrick look at 'em; poor Jim! I really did pity him. Most everybody was scandalized, for it was plain enough that there was something between Rosey and the minister, though I don't know as anybody went so far, that night, as to think they was goin' to get married. It did seem a little too much to think of the minister's marryin', Rosey Bement!—though I can't say I've ever been one to have as much confidence in Brother Lovejoy as some has. Them that's so easy and soothin' with sinners is dretful apt to think light of sin I say."

"The next day, the minister was takin' a sight of notice of Jim Orrick,—just to kind o' coax him up, you see, so't he wouldn't make a fuss about givin' up Rosey, and he got Jim up to makin' a prayer; 'twas a real good, feelin' prayer, too, though the poor fellow looked as if he was broken-hearted. And if old man Bement didn't go up to the anxious-seat! There was a real revival among them East End folks, and the minister was kind o' givin' out all the time that Rosey was at the bottom of it, though except that they thought she was goin' to be prayed for when she wasn't, and so followed her by mistake, I couldn't see what she had to do with it. It was terrible kind of her to get her arm all jammed a-holdin' up that contrivance, and keepin' the minister from fallin', but I couldn't see as it was any proof that she'd experienced a work of grace!"

"Well, folks was a-talkin' and a-talkin', and wonderin' whether the minister hadn't ought to be dealt with, when up goes Brother Weatherbee, who is a righteous man and stern with wrong-doers,—even if he does give a little scant weights of tea and sugar, some times,—and says he: 'Brother Lovejoy, I hope it ain't true that you're a-goin' to marry Rosey Bement!'

"Brother Lovejoy, he grew red in the face, and he looked terrible cheap, but says he, as bold as could be, after a minute: 'I do expect to marry Rosey Bement, Brother Weatherbee!'

"Do you think she'll be a fittin' wife for a minister of the gospel?" says Brother Weatherbee. And folks that heard it say he said it so solemn that if the minister hadn't been dretful hardened it would have touched him. But he answered, as if he wa'n't a mite ashamed:

"I hope she will be, in time."

"Don't you think you will destroy your usefulness by such a course?" says brother Weatherbee. "And they say the minister was actually half-laughin', as he answered him."

"I hope not!"

"Brother Weatherbee said he saw 'twas no use laborin' with the minister, nothin' short of the grace of God could open his eyes and show him the error of his ways, and he went to the presidin' elder, and what do you think he said—men is men, the best of 'em! He said, Brother Lovejoy had a perfect right to suit himself, and he shouldn't think of interferin' with his matrimonial affairs!"

"Well, all I have to say is, Brother Lovejoy's usefulness is over in this desecrated, and he'll get a dretful slim donation-party when it comes fall! And as for Rosey Bement, I suppose folks'll feel obliged to treat her decent when she's the minister's wife, but I don't envy her!"

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..COUNTY NEWS..

OTHER COUNTY NEWS ON PAGE FOUR.

NORWAY.
First class cooking, and a good variety to be had at Poplar Tavern.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hunt are visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. F. Jones.
Mrs. Frank S. Chandler is visiting her son W. S. Chandler and family.
A. S. Twitchell of Gorham, N. H., was in town a few days ago on business.
Mrs. A. M. Eastman of Auburn, has been visiting relatives in town this week.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Adams visited relatives and friends in Bethel this week.
Stock will be taken in the cutting room at the shoe factory next week, after which they will commence on the summer run.
Rev. C. E. Angell was thrown from his sleigh on Water street, Friday afternoon. She was slightly injured but was able to preach Sunday.
C. G. Rowe and W. D. Cole were thrown out of their sleigh while driving on Main St. one evening last week but escaped without serious injuries.
The school committee has organized as follows: J. A. Roberts chairman, for 3 years; W. F. Jones, 2 years; S. S. Stearns, one year. The supervisor will be appointed at the next meeting.
At the annual assembly of Oxford Council, No. 14, R. & S. M. Friday evening, the following officers were installed by Past T. I. M. E. F. Smith, T. I. M., Chas. F. Riddell, D. M., H. P. Jones, P. C. W., C. H. Adams, Treas., C. S. Tucker, Rec., H. D. Smith, C. of G., V. W. Hills, C. of C., H. C. Paragard, Steward, F. N. Barker, Sen., H. E. Mixer, Finance Committee, E. F. Smith, G. W. Holmes, B. F. Bradbury.

DENMARK.
The warm weather has made our roads just awful.
Ellis Blake has a young rabbit, born with only one ear.
George Whales moved his family into Mr. Norton's rent, Monday the 7th.
A. H. Witham has been quite poorly the past two weeks, with heart trouble and a bad cold.
The Saco Water Power Co., has sent word to hoist the gates of the dam of Moose Pond, which stops work in the mills.
Mr. Edwards of Otisfield, has been in town with his candy cart; he intends to visit the towns in his circuit each month.
Norman Davis went Saturday, the 12th, to Washington, D. C.; his father who has been there for several years, sent for him.
A. H. Witham had word Friday night of the dangerous illness of his brother Elias at Bridgton, and Monday got word of the serious sickness of his brother Jacob and wife of Sebago of La Grippe.
When bilious or costive, eat a Cascaret, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10.

GILEAD.
Are you aware that you can get a first class dinner at Poplar Tavern for 25 cents?
Mrs. Emma Bennett and son, who have spent the winter in Rumford, returned to town on the 8th.
Attie Jewett of Gorham is spending her vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Heath. Last Thursday she made a quart of maple honey.
Mr. Sydney Barry of Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Eliza Cobb of West Bethel, who were married at Gorham, the 10th, are at Mr. Josiah Heath's where they and Mrs. Barry's little daughter will remain one or two weeks.
Miss Lydia Peabody and her sister, Mrs. Henry Merrill of West Bethel, arrived at R. T. Peabody's on the 9th. Mrs. Merrill returned home on the 11th. The weather or rather bad roads prevented them from making calls upon many of their friends.
Owing to the mild weather this week, it has been difficult for teams to do business on our roads. We have heard that some of Mr. Bennett's men have started on their trips between the village and Mrs. Burham's at one or two o'clock in the morning.
Mildred and Blanche Scribner have a hen that deserves notice. She gave them a present of nine little chickens about two weeks ago. She was independent; chose her own nest; perhaps had an eye upon being in readiness for an early market. The location of the nest in an old dove-house, perhaps indicates a belief in having pure air and good ventilation.
Town meeting has come and gone. The official report has gone to our county papers. We will just say, time was not wasted. The choice of road commissioner called forth the greatest interest. One, two, up to five times did we hear "no choice" from the chair, but on the sixth ballot that officer was chosen. Several candidates were in the field, and one or two of the unsuccessful ones, especially made a vigorous contest, the enthusiasm, while all was harmonious, showing a temperance in no way suggestive of zero weather.

BRYANT POND.
Mr. William Day is in Medford, Mass.
Mrs. Thomas Ricker is very feeble this winter.
Miss Nellie Mixer visited friends at West Paris last Friday.
The weather is all that could be desired—traveling something awful.
Archie Felt was kicked by a horse last week, and at this writing is unable to step.
Arthur Ricker attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, George E. Davis of Auburn, Me., Tuesday.
Mrs. F. M. Bartlett who for two winters past has lived in Deering, Me., is expected to her home here, next week.
Mrs. William Day and Mrs. Alec Day attended the funeral of George Davis at his late home at Auburn, Me., March 15th.

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HASTINGS.
The ice went out of Wild river Sunday.
Miss Sadie King has returned to her home in Island Pond.
Mrs. F. B. Coffin and son Earle visited in Gilead, Wednesday.
Miss Florence Rice has returned to her home in North Waterford.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cobb and daughter Vera, spent Sunday in Island Pond.
"I can say one thing for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy, and that is that it excels any proprietary medicine I have seen on the market, and I have been in the practice for the past forty years." J. M. Jackson, M. D., Brunswick, Fla. Physicians like Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy because it is a scientific preparation, and because it always gives quick relief. Got a bottle at G. H. Wiley's, Bethel and G. O. Jones', Bryant Pond drug store.

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SOUTH PARIS.
The small boys are playing marbles.
The glass blowers exhibited here all of last week.
A set of new fire-escapes have been put on the County buildings.
Mr. Wallace Lord of Oxford, formerly of this place, was in town last Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Percy E. Lowell were made happy last Saturday by the birth of a son.
Miss Julia P. Morton is at home from Rumford Falls, where she has been teaching school.
Eugene Ripley, an energetic young man of this place, has just started in the fish business.
The sled factory shut down Monday and Tuesday of last week, in order to repair some of the machinery.
Mr. Alton Wheeler who has recently closed a successful term of school at West Paris, returned to Bates college last Monday.
The dinner given in G. A. R. hall on town meeting day by the Ladies' Relief Corps, was financially a success, and was greatly enjoyed by all who participated.
Mr. Clarke Mitchell of this place, who is the manufacturer of the well known washing machine called Mitchell's washer, went to Lewiston last Monday on a business trip.
Llewellyn Russell, a grammar school boy who has been dangerously ill the past two weeks, died at his home on Gothic street last Thursday night. Lell was a popular youth among his friends, and will be missed very much.
Miss Grace E. Murphy received a box of beautiful violets last Monday. The flowers were picked in California, where they now grow as they will be growing in this State a few months hence. The donor was her cousin, Miss Minnie Marianne.
The boys of Norway and South Paris who belong to the National Guard, have received orders to pack up their dress parade uniforms and send them to Augusta, where they will be kept until the war talk is over. They will retain their fatigue uniform, which will be used in case war does come.
Two accidents of quite serious character, took place here last Monday. A young man named DeCoster, who has been working the past few weeks for Mr. Daniel Swift, drank some washing fluid by mistake. Mr. Swift started for Dr. Littlefield, but while jumping a fence he fell and broke two bones in his wrist. After informing the doctor about the condition of Miss DeCoster, Mr. Swift immediately went to Dr. Bradbury of Norway, who set the fracture. Miss DeCoster has recovered from the poisoning effects of the washing fluid, and we are glad to say that Mr. Swift is doing finely.

WEST LOVELL.
Several have commenced tapping trees.
G. W. Andrews returned to Boston last week.
John A. Fox has his timber to complete his contract nearly all in.
Isaac Hatch was taken to the Insane Hospital at Augusta, last week.
Olden McAllister has gone back home and is keeping house. He expects to have his wife come home soon.
In regard to the item concerning Mrs. Alexander Laroque's work in the Feb. 9th paper, I wish to add for the benefit of the New York gentleman who wrote her concerning it, and any others who do not know, that the corn packing season lasts but three or four weeks so she was not obliged to knit night and morning en route to her work.

EAST ANDOVER.
Miss Bert Proctor from Mexico is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lou Holt.
Mrs. Emory Merrill is very sick, and being aged is not expected to recover.
Mrs. Akers is staying with her daughter, Mrs. O. S. Hodgson, a few weeks.
H. A. Bradeen wants to sell his stand situated in this place; it has a small store connected.
W. A. Farrington came out of camp Saturday with his crew, the snow being so deep they could not work their teams.
The neighbors were made glad last Friday by the arrival of Mrs. Clifford from Lewiston, where she has been spending the winter.
P. W. Stevens, agent for C. A. Weston & Co. of Portland, was in the place Wednesday and Thursday on business for the firm.
Mr. Clifford has made a canal from his house to the road, and since the thaw, uses a sled for a boat to tow the ladies over; Jim is a good hand and tends out well.

LOCKE'S MILLS.
Dinner—at Poplar Tavern—25 cents.
Mr. Charles Lapham of Peru is in town.
The saw mill is shut down until the first of April.
Mrs. Thead Thayer spent Sunday at O. P. Farrington's.
Our pastor and family are at his home for the week.
The Circle meets at the hall, Wednesday, Mar. 16th.
Mrs. W. H. Corliss returned to her home in Upper Gloucester, Saturday.
One of Bethel's young men, F. L. Edwards, believes in the Golden Rule and furnished our pastor with a load of wood.
The mill yard is nearer full than it has been for some time and strips are coming in every day by the load and on the cars.
Charles B. Ryerson of Rumford, Point, has moved into Mrs. Daniels' rent by the store and is ready to repair watches that may be brought to him.
The school committee are about to put in more seats at the school-house to accommodate the scholars from Bird Hill, and the outside schools.
There was a good attendance at church Sunday although the roads and weather were bad; but we think that all must felt amply repaid, for the sermon was one of the best that we have heard for some time.
From all over the country, come words of praise for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Here is a sample letter from Mrs. C. Shep, of Little Rock, Ark.: "I was suffering from a very severe cold, when I read the cure that had been affected by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I concluded to give it a trial and accordingly procured a bottle. It gave me prompt relief, and I have the best reason for recommending it very highly which I do with pleasure." For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant Pond.

PERU.
Wilson Stilman went to Lewiston last Saturday.
A. K. Trask is quite sick; Dr. Starkevatt attends him.
Dell and Aubrey Dyer walked over from Sumner last Saturday forenoon.
Mr. Charles E. Tolman of South Paris, has been staying at H. R. Robinson's.
Charles Lapham has gone to Greenwood to care for his brother who is sick.
Tommy Stilman has recovered from his illness so as to be out of doors again.
There was no service at the church last Sunday on account of bad traveling.
Quite a company attended the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Rolls, Tuesday evening of last week.

NORTH ALBANY.
Ed Rolf has sold his horses to Nahum Scribner and son.
Clifford Wheeler of Bethel, visited his sister, Mrs. M. W. Pingree last week.
Bert Foster went to North Bridgton and back this week, going and coming on the crust.
Ed Rolf carried Mrs. Palmer to Grover Hill to visit her cousin, Mrs. Albert Whitman last week.
The West Bethel Baptist society held its annual business meeting at Daniel Morrill's last Wednesday.
Mr. Elbridge Prince had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly last week; he lives alone on his farm on the West Bethel road.
Mr. Palmer has over two hundred cords of hard wood in the woods, besides some poplar to haul; he has twelve horses at work for him now.

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MARSHALL DISTRICT.
Mrs. Maria Hazeltine made us a pleasant call, Monday.
Mrs. I. Hazeltine visited her sister, Mrs. Lydia Fernald, Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Hazeltine recently visited at Mrs. Joseph Rand's.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Briggs spent last Sunday at their son's, George Briggs.
Mr. C. H. Fernald and Mrs. Lydia Fernald went to Waterford, one day last week.
Alice and Daisy Wheeler visited their sister, Fannie Briggs, last Thursday.
Mr. Lute Andrews, wife, and little son were at his father's, Edgar Andrews, last Sunday.
Mrs. Lydia Fernald made her friend, Mrs. Alice Clark, a pleasant visit, one day last week.

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R. A. Storey moved his family home, Saturday.
M. D. Sturtevant finished logging on Abbott Brook, Friday.
John Olson went to Berlin, Monday, after the rubber roofing for his house.
John Olson moved his family, Saturday, into the temporary house he has built.
R. A. Storey has gone over to Diamond to work on the landing for M. D. Sturtevant.
Miss Gretta Olson is staying a few weeks with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fickett, at Kennebec.
The Parmachenee hatchery has received 15,000 land-locked salmon eggs from Grand Lake, 30,000 land-locked salmon eggs from Auburn hatchery, and 25,000 trout eggs from Green Lake hatchery; all were received in good condition. They were carried from the station at Berlin to the hatchery by J. W. Clark.
Town meeting was held in the school-house, Tuesday, March 8th. The following officers were chosen: Town Clerk, H. W. Fickett; Assessors, R. A. Storey, H. W. Fickett, and W. H. Hart; Treasurer, J. C. Bean; Collector, R. S. Bean; School Board, F. A. Flint, H. W. Fickett, and H. G. Bennett; Road Commissioner, J. W. Bucknam; Constable, C. T. Fox. It was voted to raise \$200 to finish paying for the bridge, \$200 for roads, and the amount of school money required by law.

For some time, I have suffered with rheumatism and tried every imaginable remedy without effect. Mr. F. G. S. Wells advised me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, telling me that it had cured many cases of long standing like mine. I have used four bottles and feel sure that one more bottle will make my cure complete.—A. P. Kontz, Claremont, Ark. Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant Pond.

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DEATHS.

In Oxford, Mar. 4, Rosie Smith, aged 14 years. Consequence of brain.

In Newry, Mar. 7, Orin Foster, aged 71 years.

In Quincy, Fla., Mar. 8, Mrs. Annie Stearns, wife of George W. Lamar, aged 39 years.

In South Bridgton, Mar. 1, Wallace B. Wentworth, aged 51 years.

In Raymond, Mar. 6, Elliot Barton, formerly of Naples, aged 78 years, 1 month.

In Roxbury, Mar. 1, Nathaniel Taylor, aged 86 years, 7 months.

In Bethel, Mar. 1, Dwight C. Rose, aged 61 years.

In Rumford, Mar. 1, Gideon C. Abbott, aged 88 years, 4 months.

In Bryant Pond, Mar. 6, Rufus E. Dunham, aged about 75 years.

In Rumford, Mar. 1, Colson Abbott.

In South Paris, Mar. 2, Fitzroy J. Foster, aged 40 years.

MARRIED.

In Canton, Mar. 1, by Rev. John M. Paige, Mr. Chas. Dolford of Rumford and Miss Agnes M. Coolidge of Canton.

In Gorham, N. H., Feb. 23, by Rev. Sampson Nichol, Mr. Ford E. Decker of Berlin, N. H., and Miss Franco L. Otis of Gorham.

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Rousseau says if you wish to develop the mind develop the power which the mind has to govern. Make him strong and healthy, that you may make him prudent and reasonable.

Millen declares that to be weak is to be miserable.

Wasson says that intellect in a weak body is like gold in a spent swimmer's pocket. The richer he would be under other circumstances the greater his danger now. Of all teachers nature is the most severe, since she never forgets an infraction of her laws and visits her penalties alike upon the ignorant and guilty.

Most of the school buildings of the country have been defectively constructed and are a fruitful source for the propagation of contagious and preventable diseases. It is stated, on what seems competent authority, that 200,000 persons are annually slaughtered in the United States by preventable diseases. How many of these number are school children cannot be stated with any degree of accuracy, but it is a matter of fact that the school children are suffering from physical ailments which incapacitate them for life and render the succeeding generation at least weaker if not worse.

The spinal and other diseases caused by this excessive climbing to thousands of girls cling to them through life, producing an untold amount of suffering, supplanting youthful beauty with wrinkles and feeble features, and prematurely bringing on decay and old age. Shall we allow this to continue year after year and be silent?

Physicians occasionally, through the medium of some medical journal, send a blast against these radical evils, yet because of the means employed their influence fails to reach and arouse the people. The bad effects arising from bad light, heat and ventilation are so many, so varied and so far-reaching that I conceive it to be the duty of parents to speak and act that legislative relief may be had, so that our school children may be free from the dangers which threaten, with other causes, to deteriorate the race. We should know that our children take their bodies to school—lungs, intestines, blood, backbone, nervous system; that the school is where they exist for the most part on willful ignorance of the conditions which these and other organs demand for health and that as a matter of demonstration the school is seriously neglecting the physical vitality of the race.

Visit a primary school crowded with pupils on a cold winter day. Of all places needing ventilation none come so much to demand more. Crowded with children of an age at which they pay but little if any attention to personal cleanliness, the material is of the best to render the air impure and unfit to breathe. The young and growing body is profoundly influenced for good or evil by hygienic surroundings. Bad sanitary conditions may so impress the delicate organism that a naturally weak child is made a burden to him or may so influence a vigorous constitution as to materially lessen his power.

The foolish method of training the mind at the expense of the body can only be denounced as criminal, and it behooves us to take a hand in the matter and force sanitary legislation for the welfare of the children of the nation.

Some one has said, "Schools are absolute manufacturing of the shortsighted—a variety of the human race which has been created within historic time and which, if the result of the investigations is to be believed, is enormously increasing in number this last half of the nineteenth century. As generation succeeds generation the number of shortsighted is increasing, and the cases of myopia causes blindness.

It is true that shortsightedness is often hereditary. But this does not mean that the children of shortsighted parents are born shortsighted. They have only the predisposition to become so, and this predisposition is developed through school life. Yet the conditions surrounding the children in most of our schools tend to produce shortsightedness in children who have no hereditary predisposition, and the statistics show that the percentage of school children afflicted with shortsightedness is increasing year by year.

The efforts of school life in producing nearsightedness in the pupils was first brought to public attention some years ago by the results of the systematic study made by Dr. R. D. Agnew of New York. In an address before the Medical-Legal Society of that city he stated the results of an investigation made in various schools of Cincinnati, New York and Brooklyn. The number of pupils examined was 1,479, of whom 630 were in Cincinnati, 549 in New York and 200 in Brooklyn. Of the 630 pupils in the Cincinnati schools, 209 were from the primary grades, and of these 83 1/2 per cent were nearsighted. In the intermediate schools 210 pupils were examined, and of these 80 per cent were nearsighted and 14 per cent near-sighted. In the high school the eyes of 210 students were examined, and of these 78 per cent had normal vision and 18 per cent were nearsighted.

The great increase in the impairment of the vision from the entry of school life until the close would indicate the great work that remains to be done to destroy and remove the causes. To thus destroy the most useful of senses in helplessness school children seems to be a steady march from savagery to barbarism.

Again, it is interesting from a national point of view, is to be considered a serious evil.

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A little girl got some of her companions around her and gravely said: "Now children make believe I am Mr. Stetson. Now you have got to know more about common things. If you don't you will all grow to be fools. Now tell me she said, looking sternly at a little playmate, "how many feathers has a hen?"

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